

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East Germany NOFORN                      REPORT                     TOPIC Gross Doelln Airfield 25X1EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1DATE OF CONTENT                      25X1DATE OBTAINED                      PREPARED 11 May 1955 25X1REFERENCES This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)                     

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1. Between 28 March and 14 April 1955, no aircraft were stationed at Gross Doelln airfield but the arrival of aircraft was daily expected. Between 2 and 11 April, many Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived. It was estimated during a roll call on 14 April, that there were about 2,500 men present. Motor vehicles observed at the field included 35 to 40 trucks,                      7 to 9 radio trucks, about 20 tank trucks, including 1 x 3-axle tank truck, 1 fire truck and 1 ambulance. 25X1
2. On 12 April, a tent and next to it a radio truck with an extended antenna were observed between the main runway and the taxiway. Near the tent were several wooden masts, about 10 meters high, and interconnected by antennas. One mast mounted a ball-shaped antenna. More detailed observations could not be made because the runway and taxiway were strictly guarded.<sup>1</sup>
3. The newly arrived troops included                      was conspicuous that many officers were tall, fair and                      were golden and silver epaulets. The cooperative shop and                      (Trade Organization) shop were continuously filled with officers who paid with German money. The officers were permitted to drink liquor in these rooms, while the EM were only allowed to buy bottles of liquor at the cooperative shop. Throughout the evening and night, the Soviets in the canteen were usually drunk and caused the women living in the women's barracks to flee from their quarters every night.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
4. On 6 April, several transports and Yak-14s allegedly landed at Gross Doelln airfield. One Yak-11 had brought along a high ranking officer from Werder.<sup>1</sup> It was rumored that the newly arrived units came from Leds and Murmansk.<sup>2</sup>
5. At about 0900 on 14 April, 5 boxcars with ammunition and 1 boxcar with EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived at Vogelsang railroad station coming from Finow-furth. The shipment was dispatched to Gross Doelln.
6. At 1530 on 6 April, 2 Li-2s landed at the field. About 13 Soviet air force officers including a general descended from the aircraft and subsequently walked several times to and fro on the runway. They did not get in contact with the officers of the units stationed at the field. After 40 minutes, the aircraft took off heading west, without returning to the field. At about 1700 on 15 April, a Li-2 circled over the field. It could not be observed if the aircraft landed. Since early April, compressed air flasks

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on small iron carts have been observed in the dispersal area at the eastern end of the taxiway. Six manhole ladders were stored in 2 small tents which were newly erected.

7. The main runway was thoroughly cleared. Motor vehicles were no longer allowed to move across the runway. Between the runway and taxiway, just east of the western connecting lane was a tent in which a machine set was stored. A cable extended from this tent and connected the lamps which were placed 40 meters apart along the southern edge of the runway to the east. Each lamp consisted of a metal box with a yellow glass cupola. Two searchlights, about 45 cm in diameter, which were also connected to the machine unit by means of the cable, were located both north and south of the runway, just west of the former Vietmannsdorf-Gross Boelln road. The eastern flying lane was cleared beyond the Gollin-Gross Schoenebeck road. [redacted] 2 single-mast radio installations were scheduled to be erected in this lane.
  8. The motor vehicles were parked on the parking site in Jagen (forest sub-district) 125. A refueling station was established at the eastern side of this Jagen. Two large 2-section, 5-axle semitrailer trucks loaded with large containers were parked there. About 25 trucks [redacted] were seen at the southern edge. About 28 tank trucks of 3 different sizes, including some with a white circle and a white "T" on the rear wall, were parked at the northern side of the Jagen. All of the vehicles were in very good condition.
  9. Workshops were installed in the two [redacted] south of the connecting road to the fuel dump [redacted] there. Mobile machine shops were parked in [redacted] did not be determined what type of work was done in the [redacted].
  10. In the next few days, construction work was to start on 2 small brick buildings, probably approach beacon, in the western and eastern flying lanes.
  11. The airfield was guarded by many sentries who had received orders to be particularly observant for agents, and to apprehend them. During the night of Easter Sunday, a sentry who believed he had observed an intruder began to fire and all [redacted] searched [redacted] refreshment [redacted]
1. [redacted] Comment. Various observations [redacted] indicate that Gross Boelln airfield will be occupied in the near future.
  2. [redacted] Comment. It is doubted if the troops actually came from the locations mentioned. It is possible that the names were misunderstood.

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